Dear Jim, 12/14/74

After sleeping on the newest of the problems that have existed from the first and never should have at all, a few added thoughts.

I don't have any way of knowing, but I don't think this great display for the great recorder of great deeds was intended for the 17th. On this assumption I think we should see if the letter accomplishes its purpose. We must make preparations to leave I guess Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Bud's reason for staying down was money, which puts as good a valuation on his time as one could.

Until I know what to take, I'm not taking any files. Had trouble finding a few things I brought back from Memphis yesterday p.m. Bud did not indicate his belief when I outlined what I should testify to. Carmen can make a summary of the first part for you. Rather, a copy of the copy Bud has. There are carbons for all else for you.

I used the figure of a book loosely. I think it more like a magazine article of some kind but a book is not impossible.

To the degree you can keep this out of your mind for the 17th. There is agreement that what I termed irremedial constitutions violations will be moved and argued. I have provided and they have other evidences of it. Bill saw clearly that it is a substantial position and he saw the fit with the local changes when I outlined them to both, including who has been offed by the Eastblishment, who can no longer be hurt, what their alternatives are, etc. Bud had more trouble comprehending this but Bill didn't. He grasped it immediately I think with some enthusiasm. No answer on whether he'd get for 17th. I asked it and that he research Law. Bud didn't even knew what I meant by the Byrne precedent I cited by a better-known name.

I do believe this should succeed, think it can, and now find myself hoping for it more and more. It is solid, whether or not it succeeds.

I suggested we have Russell there as my counsel, given the attacks on me. No answer. If you agree I'll ask on my own. If you don't, I won't. This came up in connection with what do we do about Perry Mason.

I recommended both McDonnell and Borg if they'd be pro bono and Bud said in forma pauperis would cover.

In this sense I'd add maybe 500 hours to the time estimate I've given you and in cash perhaps $100. If anything happens. You did file papers, Bud tells me.

I asked a motion on surveillance on any member of defense any time. No answer except that it could be argued that they could argue it takes time. I think it should be done immediately anyway. I could do on my own. More needed now.

This is a holiday so I'll take this and Bud's letter to the P.O. this a.m. so they can be delivered tomorrow.

If we speak by phone there should be care. I'm sure that the Paris connection was picked up and probably preceeds the caviar and vodka.

Expect Martin Waldron on 17th.

Best,